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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, which corresponds to claims 1-21 and 29-59, drawn to implantable prosthesis, classified in class 623, subclass 14.13, and further elect species A shown in Figs. 1-3, which corresponds to claims 1-7, 14-21 and 29-59 of Group I.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 8, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-21 and 29-59 in Group I and claims 22-28 in Group II, and an election of species requirement within Group I. More particularly, the Examiner has set forth a requirement for an election of species from one of species A (Figs. 1-3); species B (Figs. 4-7); species C (Fig. 8); species D (Fig. 9); and species E (Fig. 10). By the foregoing, Applicants have elected to restrict examination to claims 1-7, 14-21 and 29-59 in Group I, Species A.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The restriction is based on distinct inventions between the product and the process of using the product. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the claimed product can be used in a materially different process of use, such as the repair of a blood vessel wall. Applicants note,